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"IN THE GREASE"

Notes Gleaned While the Oil Editor Bumps Around Proven Territory

Operators in the Torrance-Lomita field are looking confidently forward to an increase in the price of crude oil within the next month. Stocks of the big companies on the New York Stock Exchange have increased several dollars a share during the past week, in anticipation of the contemplated boost. Most of the big companies have filled their storage tanks with cheap oil and will make millions on an increase.

During the past month independent refiners have been paying a bonus for oil—the addition over the list price running from 5 to 8 cents a barrel.

Standard's Dominguez No. 1, pioneer of the east side, is now flowing about 650 barrels of 18 gravity oil.

Standard's Kettler No. 1 is down 3200 feet.

Hackworth and Bruinen are running oil string on their Palm street well.

Petroleum Midway expects to swab Mitchell No. 1 on Gramercy street for production Thursday afternoon.

Hub's Cook-Brandon No. 1, cemented five times, has been O. K. for water shutoff and is being drilled ahead.

The Santa Fe is waiting for a water shutoff test on its Kettler No. 1. No. 2 is down 3000 feet.

Midway Northern No. 3 was delayed in reaching the production stage when the swab was lost in the hole. The well is flowing by heads.

When Bush and Voorhis were attempting to set 10 1/2-inch casing at 3570 feet on Shultz No. 1, Pine street, Lomita, the well blew in and the casing froze at 3400 feet. Eight-inch was put down the hole and is now standing cemented.

Universal has received a shutoff O. K. on Moore No. 6.

Torrance No. 24 of the C.-C. M. O. is standing cemented. This well is along the old Redondo road.

Water shutoff O. K. was received this week on Chanslor-Canfield's Torrance No. 24, south of Carson street, offsetting Petroleum Midway's Stock Community No. 1.

Salt water and oil continues to flow out of Torrance No. 10, Chanslor-

Canfield's "trouble" well on Carson street west of the high school property. So discouraging is this well to the east stand idle. The derrick has not yet been rigged up, although it has been constructed almost two months.

Cunningham and Kyle are setting oil string on their Palm street well.

Universal's Moore No. 2 was gauged Wednesday for nine hours and flowed 1155 barrels—one of the best wells in Lomita.

Chanslor-Canfield failed in its initial attempt to put Torrance No. 19 on production. The well is flowing by heads. It is located midway between the old Redondo road and Plaza del Amo on the east edge of the C.-C. M. O. lease.

Petroleum Midway is running oil string on its Stock Community No. 1 on Carson street, south of Ivy.

Chanslor-Canfield has plugged back Torrance No. 20 to 3740 feet. This well is located near Plaza del Amo and the corner of Arlington. It came in wet. A test showed formation water at 3750 feet. As it is plugged back, there will be about 130 feet of perforated casing exposed to the oil formation, as contrasted to 200 and 300 feet of exposed formation further south. This well established almost beyond a doubt that the oil formation is pinching off rapidly to the north toward the residence district of Torrance.

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WOMAN'S CLUB HEARS ADDRESS ON RACE OF AMERICAN INDIANS

By WINIFRED BARNARD

Thursday afternoon, Dec. 13, members of the Woman's club of Torrance had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Frank Sammons, past president of the club, who spoke in her capacity as district federation chairman of Indian welfare.

Mrs. J. A. Young, president, called the meeting to order at 2:30. Miss Betsy Byrnes and the Mesdames Curtis, Briney and Neelands sang "America the Beautiful." Mrs. Jennie Reeve, parliamentarian, read the revised by-laws to be voted upon at the next meeting. A motion was made to suspend the business until after the program.

Mrs. Watson L. Hawk, popular pianist and teacher, of Long Beach, rendered a selection, "Etude in D Flat" (Liszt), and for encore "The Old Oaken Bucket." Miss Bessie Byrnes of Torrance sang a group of songs—"Her Shadow," "On a Cloud I Will Ride," and "Invocation to the Sun God."

Mrs. Frank Sammons, who needed no introduction, then spoke. Her address plainly revealed that she had given her subject careful thought and many hours of study.

Beginning with the generally accepted theory that the North American Indian at some prehistoric date came from Asia by way of the Bering strait, the speaker outlined every phase of his life.

Dwelling on the religious side of the Indian character, she told of their belief in a great Supreme Being, of their superstitions and legends.

"They are the highest type of pagans there are," asserted Mrs. Sammons. "Among themselves the Indians are merry, just and truthful; there is no stealing. Before the white man's advent they were free from disease and vices.

"When the Indians saw their wild game that meant life to them being rapidly depleted and realized their hunting ground and lands were being taken from them, they were on

the defensive; hence the Indian wars. When they eventually surrendered to the white man's rule the so-called savage, in most cases, was given the poorest land. Indians on the Pacific coast have received the worst treatment of all. Out of 210,000 only 20,000 remain, remnants scattered here and there. Starvation and disease have taken their toll.

"During the World war 10,000 United States Indians were in the service; 80 per cent of this number were volunteers. One hundred were decorated for bravery.

"We as a nation have not dealt fairly with the red man, and the Federation of Woman's Clubs is trying to right the deplorable conditions existing today; to see land illegally taken from Indians restored, to have them taught farming, and to see them raised from the state of mendicancy to their proper place," were Mrs. Sammons' closing remarks.

Mrs. Helen Chalmers Kingston, first vice-president of the Cosmos club of Los Angeles, entertained with a reading, "Ask Mamma," by H. G. Wells.

Mrs. Hansen reported 13 babies examined at the Mothers' Educational Center November 30. Many returned babies showed improvement. A motion was made and carried to give \$5 toward the support of the Center for the month of January.

Chairman of Music Mrs. Clara L. Curtis made a few remarks in regard to paid talent for the club programs.

Mrs. R. R. Smith reported the result of a conference held in the Chamber of Commerce relative to the Los Angeles city school board drilling for oil on the school property. Club members were unanimously in favor of sending a letter protesting against any such procedure.

Press Chairman Mrs. Winifred Barnard gave a report on the last press conference held in Los Angeles.

It was voted to send a letter to A. W. Meiner thanking him for his assistance to the Woman's club at a recent dinner.

NAB HUNDRED MOTORISTS ON LOMITA ROADS

Police Tag Scores for Traffic Violations Saturday

The Ford driver with "Helsapopin" printed across the back of his machine must have thought his pet name for "Lizzie" was appropriate when he ran afoul of the two traffic cops at the corner of Narbonne and Western avenue last Saturday night. They were gathered 'em in! Glaring lights, poor lights, and no lights at all, open cut-outs, violations of the speed laws, cutting corners, and most everything else that could be done short of actual murder, kept the officers busy.

Two or three local business men were tagged, as well as nearly one hundred other offenders.

Early this week four traffic men were operating along the Wilmington-Redondo boulevard.

1ST ELECTION OF PROGRESS CLUB TONIGHT

Meeting at Methodist Church Will Select Officers

Election of officers of the newly organized Torrance Progress club will take place tonight (Thursday) at the Methodist church. Under the by-laws of the club a president, first and second vice-presidents and five directors will be chosen. The board of directors will appoint a secretary-treasurer and sergeant-at-arms. The election will be by ballot.

LET CONTRACTS FOR PAVING JOBS IN CITY

Contracts for two paving jobs in the city of Torrance were awarded by the board of trustees Tuesday night to low bidders. The contract for the Martina and Manuel avenue district went to H. G. Feraud (Willite Paving company), the low bid being \$20,559.90. The company bid 4 cents a square foot for grading and 21 1/2 cents a square foot for paving, and 70 cents a lineal foot for curbing. The Southwest Paving company bid 4 1/2 cents for grading, 23 cents for paving, and 65 cents for curbing.

Contract for the 222nd street and Plaza del Amo district went to Braun, Bryant & Austin of Los Angeles for \$21,000. The company bid 2.1 cents for grading, 25.3 cents for paving. Charles Thompson, the high bidder, proposed to do the work at 3 cents for grading, 25.9 cents for paving.

A family reunion will be held Sunday at the Jillsons' Manhattan Beach home. The guests will include Mrs. P. W. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jillson and daughter Marion, and Miss Anna Dowd, of Los Angeles; C. E. Otley, of Redondo Beach; Mrs. Howard Robertson, Chicago, Ill.; and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wilcox and family, of Flower street.

Four Boys Have Narrow Escape On Narbonne Ave.

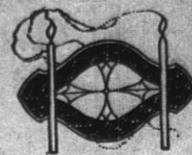
A "road hog" caused an accident on Narbonne avenue near Flower street Sunday night that might easily have proven fatal for one or all of the four boys who figured in it.

Norman Skansen, driving a Ford roadster, was forced to swerve suddenly, the wheels locked, and the machine turned completely over.

Alvy Dawson and Ervin Steigh jumped clear of the machine as it went over; Norman isn't at all clear as to how he got out, while Harry Linderman Jr. was caught under the car.

"Lucky is right," said "Lindy," who escaped with no other injury than a deep gash on the back of his head.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Richey and family, of Chestnut street, will spend Christmas with relatives at Hemet.



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Comings, Goings
and Doings
of
Folks Hereabouts

W. G. Bell, who purchased the T. L. Jones house on East Elgin street, has moved it to Rose street. Mr. and Mrs. Bell will make their home there as soon as the remodeling is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Willacy and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Willacy and son will be Christmas dinner guests at the Harold Proctor home in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Carvill and son Richard, of Narbonne avenue and Woodard street, and George Isaacson were guests last Sunday of Los Angeles friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cook and daughter Betty will attend a family reunion Christmas day at the Dr. W. G. Wheatley home in Azusa.

Mrs. E. A. Wilcox is looking forward with pleasure to the arrival Saturday of her sister, Mrs. Howard Robertson, of Chicago.

Miss Nita Gardner, for some time a guest at the Brown home on Hill street, left Saturday on the Calawaii for her home in Honolulu.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Wilson and daughter Annore were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orr of Ocean Park.

J. A. Sheeter of Narbonne avenue is confined to his bed with rheumatism.

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Clark leave Monday for San Francisco, where they will be entertained by Mrs. Clark's sister, Mrs. Fontana.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hunter of Beacon street will be Los Angeles visitors Wednesday.

A. J. Austry and son Clifford were Los Angeles visitors Wednesday.

Miss Trixie Cramley has returned to her home here, after an extended visit with Miss Lucile Cramley of Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ainsworth of Flower street attended the Torrance theatre Wednesday evening.

Tom Willacy will referee the football game at Washington park, Los Angeles, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Carvill and son will spend this week-end with Mr. Carvill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Carvill, of Belvidere Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkinson and family and Mrs. Tom Willacy will hear "The Messiah" at the Philharmonic auditorium in Los Angeles Sunday.



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